

# “EQIP” Your Farm with Cover Crops

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## Environmental Qualities Incentives Program “EQIP”

- Voluntary conservation program that helps producers make conservation work for them
- Participants receive technical and financial assistance to implement conservation practices that address resource concerns.
- All agricultural producers are eligible to apply

## Getting Started

1. Planning: Meeting with your local NRCS staff to review your resource concerns and discuss your goals
2. Application: Complete the application for financial assistance
3. Eligibility: NRCS staff will check your eligibility and work with you to get eligibility issues resolved
4. Ranking: All applications are ranked and assigned a score
5. Implementation: If selected for funding you will be given a contract and then you begin implementing your conservation practices


## How EQIP Works

A practice is complete:

- You let your NRCS office know you have completed a practice
- The NRCS staff will schedule a time to come out and check your practice
- You sign the Practice Approval and Payment Application
- 10-14 days later the money should be in your account

## EQIP and Cover Crops

- Single species cover crops (ex. rye, crimson clover, etc)
- Multiple species cover crops (rye/oats/crimson clover/hairy-vech/radice)



## Cover Crop Cost-Share Rates

Practice	Rate
Basic (single species)	\$50.94/acre (493 acres)
Multiple Species	\$57.01/acre (438 acres)



## Other Practices to Consider



- Conservation Crop Rotation
- Residue and Tillage Management
- Nutrient Management

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## Dates to Remember

Deadline	Date
2019 Sign up	November 2, 2018
Participant Eligibility	December 31, 2019

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## Questions?

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